

INT CATHERINE OF SIENA

spiritual household of his daughter was thus being o di Benincasa died. He had always been a tender her, especially in these latter years, and Catherine >ul ready for the passage, nor kept back by any

•resent life, for which thing she rendered immense Saviour." In after years, she told Fra Raimondo wrestled with the Lord in prayer that her father ye to sustain the pains of Purgatory, and had at his grace for him, on the condition that she should sad. At the instant he passed away, a grievous pain

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liled her, and never again left her until the end of

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t, as he expired, the holy virgin laughed for joy,

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>ed be the Lord, would that I were as you ;' nor,

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;rs wept during the rites for the dead, could she

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:lse save joy and gladness. She comforted her

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ie others, as though she was in no wise concerned

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or she had seen that soul pass out of the darkness

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id enter immediately into the eternal light."/

Benincasa was buried at San Domenico on August
man of the old regime, he died but a few weeks

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•rthrow of his party in the State, which was also to
r'n family to comparative poverty. A year before
eat event had filled all who looked for righteous-
)es of a new era and renovation of the Church ;
icomo was not to see dashed to the ground ; a

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itiff had landed in Italy, and the successor of St.

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urned to Rome.

¹ *LegenJa*, II. vii. 4 (§ § 220-222).

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